

**REMARKS**

Claims 12, 13, 15-18, 20-23, 25, 27, 28 and 30 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 12 is amended to incorporate a feature of claim 13. Support for the amendment of claim 12 can be found in Applicants' specification, for example, at page 14, line 26 - page 17, line 13. No new matter is added. A Request for Continued Examination is attached. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendment and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 13, 15, 17, 18, 20-23, 25, 27, 28 and 30. Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance as detailed below.

Claims 12 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over De Doncker, U.S. Patent No. 5,373,195, in view of Deng, U.S. Patent No. 6,714,424. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

De Doncker in view of Deng would not have rendered obvious "said control device controls said voltage converter by fixing said switching duty when said voltage command value is at least said power supply voltage and at most said predetermined voltage" as recited in claim 12.

Deng discloses a system and method for compensating the voltage distortion and minimizing the available voltage loss caused by switching dead-time of solid-state components in power conversion devices. See Abstract. Deng fails to disclose a feature that reasonably could be interpreted to correspond to the above-quoted feature of claim 12. De Doncker fails to overcome the deficiencies of Deng. Thus, De Doncker in view of Deng would not have rendered obvious the combination of features recited in claim 12. Accordingly, De Doncker in view of Deng would not have rendered obvious the combination of features recited in claim 16 for at least the dependence of claim 16 on claim 12 and for the

separately patentable features that claim 16 recites. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 12 and 16 and continued allowance of claims 13, 15, 17, 18, 20-23, 25, 27, 28 and 30 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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